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SUBJ: PRESIDENT MARCOS COMMENTS ON BASE AND TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

FOLLOWING IS TRANSCRIPT (FROM AUDIO TAPE) OF PRESIDENT MARCOS  
IMPROMPTU PRESS CONFERENCE WITH PARTICIPANTS IN WORLD BANK/  
UNDP/ADB PRESS SEMINAR ON JULY 20. SOME OF NEWSMENS'  
QUESTIONS WERE UNAUDIBLE.

1. QUESTION: CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION ABOUT THE U.S. BASES?  
HOW DID YOU MANAGE SO SUCCESSFULLY TO DEAL WITH THE VIETNAMESE  
ON THE QUESTION OF THE BASES AND ALSO DO YOU HAVE ANY TIME  
FRAME FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS? PRESIDENT'S  
RESPONSE, QUOTE: ACTUALLY YOU WILL REMEMBER THE FORD/MARCOS  
COMMUNIQUE ON THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT FORD WAS THAT WE WOULD  
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ACCELERATE THE NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE THRESE NEGOTIATIONS

ARE MILITARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR SEVERAL YEARS. IT WAS THE INTENTION OF BOTH HEADS OF STATE TO SEE TO IT THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE FINISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE ARE--WE WERE--FACED WITH SEVERAL PROBLEMS TO START WITH -- ON TRADE, THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT AUTHORIZED BY YOUR CONGRESS UNTIL YOU APPROVED YOUR U.S. TRADE ACT AND THEN ON MILITARY AGREEMENTS, THE CONFLICT OF JURISDICTION POWERS AND AUTHORITY BETWEEN CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE ALSO DELAYED THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE TECHNICAL LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS WENT ON BUT THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE BEING ELEVATED TO MINISTERIAL AND EVEN PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL COULD NOT BE RESOLVED. WE HOPE THAT EVEN WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CONFRONTING THE U.S., IT CAN BE RESOLVED. UNQUOTE.

2. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION REGARDING CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE OR AFTER ELECTION, PRESIDENT RESPONDED:

QUOTE: BEFORE THE ELECTION -- WE HOPED TO, YES WE HAD HOPED TO BE ABLE TO FINISH THIS BY THE END OF JULY BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO. ACTUALLY, THE CONVERSATIONS/THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BECOME MORE WIDE RANGING THAN WE EXPECTED. SOME SUBJECTS HAVE COME UP BECAUSE WHILE WE SEEM TO BE DISCUSSING MERELY THE MILITARY BASES, ACTUALLY WE ARE DISCUSSING THE THREE MILITARY AGREEMENTS. THIS IS WHY, AND THESE INCLUDE THE MUTUAL DEFENSE PACT, THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT AND AS I SAID, THE MILITARY BASES AGREEMENT. YOU ALSO ASKED ME AS TO HOW WE MANAGED TO DEAL WITH THE VIETNAMESE WHILE WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASES. WELL, I CAN ONLY SAY THAT THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT ON BASIC PRINCIPLES, THAT'S ABOUT ALL. BOTH THE VIETNAMESE AND THE PHILIPPINES AVOIDED ANY MENTION OF MILITARY BASES. UNQUOTE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT THE SECOND CONDITION IN THE VN/GOP JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THE PRESIDENT RESPONDED: QUOTE: NO, THE BASIC PRINCIPLE IS THAT TERRITORY OF ONE WOULD NEVER BE UTILIZED IN AGGRESSION AGAINST THE OTHER AND CERTAINLY THIS IS A BASIC PRINCIPLE TO WHICH ALL NATIONS ADHERE. I DON'T

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BELIEVE THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE ENGAGED IN AGGRESSION AGAINST ANY OTHER STATE. UNQUOTE

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